**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Is the same substitute continuing as the permanent teacher ?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** *(Director of Public Instruction):* The permanent teacher has now re-joined.

**MUNDAKAN CROP—FAILURE OF—THEMBARAMADAKKU IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

**212. Mr. N. V. Subbarayan Chettiar** *(Nominated):*

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമൊ.---

(എ) ഈ കൊല്ലത്തെ മുണ്ടകൻ വിളയ്ക്കു വെള്ളംകിട്ടാത്തകാരണം തെമ്പാറമടക്കു ഇറിഗേഷനെ ആസ്പദിച്ചുള്ള കൃഷികൾക്കു ഉണക്കംബാധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിനെ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്നറിവാൻ ഇടവന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഈ ധനു മുതൽ-ം, മീൻ-ം തുകളിൽ ബഹു. ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ അവർകൾ ചിറ്റൂർ ക്യാമ്പു വന്നിരുന്നസമയം ഉണക്കനഷ്ടത്തെപ്പറ്റി നേരിട്ടുകാണുവാൻ ഇടവന്നിട്ടില്ലെ;

(സി) നികുതിയിൽ ഉണങ്ങിപോയ കൃഷികൾക്കു ഇളവുചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കാത്തപക്ഷം കൃഷിക്കാക്കു വലുതായ നഷ്ടകഷ്ടങ്ങൾക്കു ഇടയാകുമെന്നുള്ളസംഗതി ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടുമൊ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):*

(എ) വെള്ളക്കുറവുമൂലം തെമ്പാറമടക്കു ഇറിഗേഷനിൽപെട്ട ചില നിലങ്ങൾക്കു സാമ്പ്രം ഉണക്കംതട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു.

(ബി) ഉവ്വു.

(സി) കൃഷിക്കു സാരമായദോഷം ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു നികുതി കുറവുചെയ്യേണ്ടതില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ എൻ. വി. സുബ്ബരായൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ: സാമ്പ്രം ഉണക്കം തട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു. അതു എത്രശതമാനമുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: കണക്കുകൂട്ടിയതിൽ എതാണ്ടു 8 ശതമാനമുണ്ടാകുമെന്നാണു കാണുന്നതു.

മിസ്റ്റർ എൻ. വി. സുബ്ബരായൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ: ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ കൃഷിച്ചിലവും വിത്തുകളും മറ്റും കൊണ്ടുവരുവാനുള്ള വഴിച്ചിലവും നോക്കിയാൽ അവക്കു എന്തെങ്കിലും ഇളവു ചെയ്തുകൊടുക്കേണ്ടതു അത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്നു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനു തോന്നുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: കുറവു ചെയ്യേണ്ടമാതിരിയുള്ള കേടൊന്നും സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നാണു ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

**IRRIGATION SCHEMES INVESTIGATED BY GOVERNMENT—PARTICULARS OF**

**213. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of Irrigation Schemes investigated by the Government during the last 20 years inclusive of 1117;

(*b*) which are these schemes;

(*c*) what has each scheme cost the Government;

(*d*) has any of the schemes been put into effect; if so which are they ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) and (*b*) A statement of the Major Irrigation Schemes investigated is appended. *(See Appendix).*

(*c*) It is not possible to give the expenditure incurred for the investigation of each scheme, as no separate accounts for each scheme were maintained.

(*d*) Yes. Iteme Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 (after alteration) 16 (after modification) 26, 27, 28 and 30.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the total cost of all these schemes. It has been stated that no separate account for each scheme is maintained. May I know how many tons of money has been spent for the 30 schemes mentioned here.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* The work was done by the regular staff of the Public Works Department. No separate account of amount spent for each section has been maintained. No expenditure other than the salary has been incurred, besides some contingent expenditure in connection with the surveys.

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**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* May I know how far this item No. 8 has progressed ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* We have completely investigated the scheme and the estimates have been prepared and the matter has been referred to the Travancore Government. We are awaiting their final reply.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ehzuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether any of these reports about the schemes has been placed before the Irrigation Board ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* All these schemes have been placed before the Irrigation Board and all these schemes are also still available for persual by the members of the Irrigation Board.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to the 19 items that have not been taken up, May I know, Sir, why they have not been taken up.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* Some of these schemes have been found to be not useful, some definitely disadvantageous and some items have not been taken up because of the difficulty in getting the necessary materials.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, which are these useless schemes.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* Item No. 7 is not supposed to be good. So also Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20 and 23. In the matter of item No. 20 it has not been possible to get the necessary materials for the construction of this work.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur):* Item No. 11 is also bad.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* It was not supposed to be good.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur):* Regarding item No. 8 has not seven years elapsed for getting a final reply from the Travancore Government.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* Negotiations regarding the scheme have been going on for the past 25 years.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, when will scheme No. 8 materialise.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I do hope that it will materialise very shortly.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know when will item Nos. 4 and 17 be taken up.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* The Desamangalam Lift Irrigation Scheme will be started in a few months. The Vellarappilli Lift Irrigation Scheme has already been completed.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Do the Government get current from the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme or is it mechanically worked without current ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* That work is being done by an oil engine.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Can we not get current from the Travancore borders ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* I do not think that the amount of current that we can get from Travancore will be sufficient to meet all these purposes.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether there is any chance of items Nos. 6 and 18 being taken up at any time in the near future.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* The Naduthodu scheme has been finally investigated and it will be taken up in one or two years. The Naduthodu Scheme will include the Thanikkodam Scheme also. The Thanikkodam Scheme is a very much smaller one and forms part of the Nadutbodu Scheme.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* May I know whether with regard to the Chalakkudi River Diversion Scheme any report has been submitted by Mr. I. Raman Menon, Retired Director of Agriculture and Panchayats.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* There was a report published in the Gazette by Mr. Raman Menon in which he stated that by taking this Chalakkudi River Diversion Scheme there is a danger of floods in the Manali and Kurumali rivers.

**Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Has the Government investigated this question.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* This question was discussed personally by me with Mr. Raman Menon and in my opinion such a contingency need not be apprehended because the average discharge of the Kurumali and Manali Rivers is about 36 to 40 thousand cusecs while the amount of water that we propose to divert from the Chalakkudi river is only 300 cusecs and further we do not intend to divert any water during the monsoon period. So

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there is no reason to apprehend that by the diversion of this 300 cusecs the flood conditions in that area will be made worse.

**Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government have taken up the Chowwerah drainage scheme.

**Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* That question has not been taken up.

### IMPROVEMENT OF ERNAKULAM TOWN

**214. Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any scheme for improving and modernising the Ernakulam Town;

(*b*) is it the policy of the Government to discontinue the several schemes for town improvement started by Sir Shanmukham Chetty when he was the Diwan of our State;

(*c*) was there not a scheme for constructing a suitable High Court buildings at Ernakulam; if so, what has been the fate of that scheme?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Improvements in the Ernakulam Town are being continuously done both by Government and by the Municipality. There are also schemes for asphalting roads, and installing drainage systems under consideration.

(*b*) The conditions caused by war have adversely affected the taking up of schemes of town improvement.

(*c*) Yes. The proposal to construct a separate block of buildings to house the High Court has been postponed for the present.

### Announcement of election of members to the Standing Finance Committee

**Mr. President:** I now have to announce that nomination papers for the election of three non-official members to the Standing Finance Committee will be received by the Secretary to the Council up to 5 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, 21st March.

### Announcement of election of a member to the Advisory Committee for Agriculture, Panchayat, Etc.

I have further to announce that a member will be elected for the Advisory Committee for Agriculture, Panchayats, etc., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. V. J. Mathai, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd March. Nomination papers for the election will be received by the Legislative Council Secretary up to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd March 1944.

### Announcement of Bills assented to by His Highness

**Secretary to the Council:** Under S. O. 5(2) of the Legislative Council, I have to announce that the following Bills have received the gracious assent of His Highness the Maharaja.

The Cochin Payment of Wages Act (Amendment) Bill, Act IV of 1119.

The Cochin Municipal Act (Amendment) Bill, Act VI of 1119.

### Placing of the statement of expenditure

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28(1)(c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

| *Serial No.* | *Head of Account* | *Amount Rs.* | *Remarks* |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Cranganur (1118) 11 Law and Justice B4, Civil Justice Dearness allowance | 452 | The dearness allowance to the low paid staff was enhanced in the course of the year and there was no Budget provision. The amount required for the purpose had therefore to be transferred urgent from the head "Munsiffs" pay and leave allowance |

### Supplementary Grants

**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, may I club items 1 to 5.

**Mr. President:** Yes.



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## APPENDIX I

*(See Answer to Question No. 213)*

**Statement of Major Irrigation Schemes investigated during the last 20 years**

1. The Karuvannur flood prevention scheme in different stages.
2. Manapat chira improvements.
3. Athur chira improvements.
4. Vellarappilli Lift Irrigation.
5. Konath bund scheme.
6. Thanikudam project.
7. Kurumali scheme-diverting water.
8. Chalakkudi river diversion scheme.
9. Opening a canal from Muriyad lake to Kakkathuruthi.
10. The Thamarachal padam scheme.
11. Putting up bunds across Pullut river.
12. Pothundy diversion scheme.
13. Peranda do.
14. Karuvannur do.
15. Thiruvankulam drainage scheme.
16. Puthur river diversion scheme.
17. Desamangalam lift irrigation scheme.
18. Naduthodu reservoir scheme.
19. Thottara Puncha drainage scheme.
20. Cheerakuzhi river diversion scheme.
21. Pillathodu reservoir scheme.
22. Kambalathura reservoir scheme.
23. Muttimampallam do.
24. Chowwara drainage scheme.
25. Irrigation facilities Pariyaram, etc., villages.
26. Do. Mala.
27. Do. Keecheri village—Karinilam.
28. Do. Thottipal, etc., villages.
29. Do. Athur villages.
30. Keli thodu scheme.

## APPENDIX II

## MINUTES OF THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 11TH MARCH 1944

The Committee met at 3 p.m. in the Diwan's room in the Huzur Secretariat.

*Present.*—

M. R. Ry. P. V. Raphael Avl., M.A. (Hons.), Comptroller of Finance & Accounts (Chairman).
" C. J. Mathew Avl., B A., B.L., Joint Secretary to Government.
" V. K. Bhaskara Menon Avl., B.A., B. Com., L.L.B.
" P. P, Devassy Avl., B.A., B.L.
Mrs. K. Joshua.
M. R. Ry. N. S. Radhakrishna Sarma Avl., M.A., B.L. (Secretary).

The following items of supplementary grants were discussed and passed without remarks—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rs. 1,627 | under | "23 Medical—Hookworm campaign" |
| 2. | Rs. 100 | " | "13—Registration—(*p*)—Refnuds" |
| 3. | Rs. 2,000 | " | "20 Education—Secondary Boys—Salary Grant" |
| 4. | Rs. 2,000 | " | " do. do. Ordinary Grant" |
| 5. | Rs. 2,000 | " | " do. Secondary Girls—Salary Grant" |
| 6. | Rs. 300 | " | " do. do. Ordinary Grant" |
| 7. | Rs. 4,500 | " | " do. Primary Boys—Ordinary Grant" |
| 8. | Rs. 1,000 | " | " do. Primary Girls—Salary Grant" |
| 9. | Rs. 2,000 | " | " do. Ordinary Grant" |
| 10. | Rs. 1,000 | " | "23—(*b*) Cost of Printed forms" |
| 11. | Rs. 28,000 | " | "23—Medical—1—Dietary charges—Medical proper" |
| 12. | Rs. 5,000 | " | "23—Medical—2—Mental Hospital—Dietary charges" |
| 13. | Rs. 1,000 | " | "23—Medical—5—Tuberculosis operations—Dietary charges" |

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